## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claim 1 is amended to replace the phrase "which is obtainable by" with the phrase "comprising the steps of." In addition, claims 1 and 4 have been amended to correct informalities as suggested by Examiner.

Claims 1-7 and 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bohnen et al. WO 99/43717 ("Bohnen"). The applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Again, claim 1 is amended to replace the phrase "which is obtainable by" with the phrase "comprising the steps of." The applicant's claimed invention requires the steps of bringing

(A) at least one organic transition metal compound,

(V)

(B) a mixture of at least two different organo metallic compounds of formula (V),  $M^{1}(R^{1})_{r}(R^{2})_{s}(R^{3})_{t}$ 

where

 $M^1$ is an alkali metal, an alkaline earth metal or a metal of group 13 of the Periodic Table,

 $R^1$ is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>15</sub>-aryl, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, halo-C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>15</sub>-aryl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>40</sub>-arylalkyl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>40</sub>-alkylaryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy-or, halo-C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>40</sub>-alkylaryl, halo-C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>40</sub>-arylalkyl or halo- $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkoxy,

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are each hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>15</sub>-aryl, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, halo-C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>15</sub>aryl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>40</sub>-arylalkyl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>40</sub>-alkylaryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkoxy-or, halo-C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>40</sub>-alkylaryl, halo-C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>40</sub>arylalkyl or halo- $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkoxy,

r is an integer from 1 to 3

and

s and t are integers from 0 to 2, where the sum r+s+t corresponds to the valence of  $M^1$ , and

(C) at least one cation-forming compound

into contact with one another, wherein the organic transition metal compound A) is firstly combined with the mixture of the organo metallic compounds B). Applicant believes that these steps are not disclosed nor taught by Bohnen. For the above reasons, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 4 are objected to as requiring grammatical corrections. Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out these informalities. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to correct these informalities as suggested by Examiner.

In view of the above amendments, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 09086-00218-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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